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Hongkong, December 29, 1903. 2520

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9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

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Tuesday, January 6—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household

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Wednesday, January 7—

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Saturday, January 10—

9 p.m.—A Concert of the Hongkong Volunteer

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At 9, Grove Hall Road, Penang, on Dec. 19, the wife of Captain W. Brown, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

It would appear that the rival routes leading steamship companies are awakening to the competition of the Siberian Railway for the passenger traffic from the Far East. A London telegram, dated 11th inst., reports:—At the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Sir Thomas Sutherland, referring to the removal of the passenger surtax, said that he anticipated further sacrifice of revenue in this direction, unless it was compensated for by an increase of traffic. The Directors had already decided, owing to competition by the Siberian Railway, to considerably reduce fares to China from the 1st January next. He hinted at the partial adoption of turbine engines shortly. The report makes no mention of the mails, as the Directors are not aware of Government intentions. What the P. and O. Company does will be followed by the other mail lines running to China, so that residents who intend to travel next year will have not only an additional choice of routes but the welcome advantage of lower fares than prevail at present. Commenting on this subject, a Ceylon contemporary predicts an improved and quicker service to the Far East by the P. and O. Company, for if the Australian attitude on the Indian question is not modified the Company, early in 1905, can—and will—divert its best steamers to the Far East run. In the matter of cargo between Europe and China and Japan, great advances are to be foreseen, and the sea service can easily compete with the land charges for the whole of Western Europe. It may be predicted that where there are now hundreds there will be thousands of passengers in a very few years, and there is absolutely no reason why the P. and O. Company should not retain the bulk of the traffic. In recent years, there has been a disposition, at headquarters to neglect the Far Eastern section of the Company's business, with the result that other competing lines have been able to capture no inconsiderable share of the British passenger trade. The new departure foreshadowed by Sir Thomas Sutherland will rehabilitate the premier British line in the eyes of the Far Eastern communities.

The Fiscal Fight.

The Duke of Devonshire, as President of the Free-Trade League, has written a letter advising all electors sympathising with its objects to refuse to support any Unionist candidate sympathising with Mr Chamberlain.

Crime in the New Territory.

Of late robberies and other like crimes have been frequent in the New Territory, and the attention of the police has been constantly engaged in ferreting out the offenders. Quite recently several robberies were reported within a short space of time, but the smart manner in which they were investigated and the thieves brought to justice has had a salutary effect. The capture of a gang at Shatin by Sergeant Clark and his constables; the conviction on the four men arrested by Inspector Robertson for robberies at Lung-shan-wei; the conviction of the receiver in the Shat-tuk village robbery; and the sentencing of the two men for the Wanchai murder, all have tended to impress upon the minds of the Chinese that crime cannot be committed with impunity in British dominions, and though the crime might pass unpunished for a time, the arm of the law would ultimately prevail and justice be done. For the past few weeks matters have been very quiet, and although it may be simply a lull before a recurrence of former acts, it is possible that the lesson delivered has been taken in earnest. It is not to be wondered at that crime in the sparsely populated districts on the other side of the harbour has been frequent. The police force distributed over those tracts of land is far too meagre to deal with the cases that crop up, and it is only by severe measures on those captured that anything like success can be obtained. Another source of trouble to the police are the reports that come in alleging robbery and assaults, which when inquired into prove to have originated in the minds of the people themselves. Taking all the circumstances into consideration the police must be complimented on their efforts to secure protection for the inhabitants of the New Territory.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Defaulting Interpreter.

Wong Ling Wai, an interpreter to the Sanitary Board, was arrested on a charge of stealing \$2.50 from Chang Chuk Hing and released on a bail of \$250. When his name was called to-day there was no response, and the Magistrate ordered his bail to be forfeited.

The Siberian Mail Route.

We learn (says the *Kobe Chronicle*) that the first direct mail from Kobe for England by way of the Siberian route, which left Kobe on the 25th October last, was delivered in London on the 19th November—that is, in twenty-five days. The return mail that left London on the 29th November arrived in Kobe on Wednesday evening and was delivered on the 16th inst., thus taking twenty-six days.

Ex-Marshall Su.

Writing on the 2nd inst., the Peking correspondent of *Le Courrier d'Extrême Orient* states that although the French Authorities have saved ex-Marshall Su's head, that delinquent official is to be banished to a distant province. At present, he is incarcerated in the central prison at the Chien-wei. He is allowed to purchase his meals from a neighbouring restaurant. Neither his wife nor the other members of his family are allowed to see him.

Band at King Edward Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Redcliff and Officers, the Band of the 53rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, the 31st inst. (New Year's Eve) instead of Friday, as usual:—

March—'On the Rolling Deep'—Wilson Overture—'The Sapphire Neck'—Sullivan Selection—'The Mikado'—Sullivan Song—'The Caterpillar'—Carlyle Selection—'Rumors of War'—Godfrey Lancers—'The Army and the Navy'—Valse—'Amoureux'—Burger

Found Dead.

The dead body of a man named John Wilson, 42 years of age, and a native of England, was found in his bed at the Sailor's Home on December 28. Deceased was a seaman and had been a sailor on the *Glen-don*. He had been staying at the Sailor's Home since December 5, and is alleged to have been drinking heavily of late. On Sunday evening he was admitted by the watchman at 11 o'clock, and was then in a state of intoxication. Between six and seven o'clock Monday morning his room door was opened and he was found to be dead. The police were informed, and Inspector McNab had the body conveyed to the Public Mortuary. A post-mortem examination disclosed the fact that death was due to excessive drinking.

Does it Improve the Water?

On several occasions, we have called attention to the danger of contamination to the Pokfulam Reservoir. It must be obvious to anyone the danger in growing more acute since roadways were opened up on the adjacent hills, and some day the Government will have to consider the advisability of closing the reservoir as a source of water supply for domestic use. At present, the water supply is too limited to admit of this reform, but while the reservoir remains in use surely the authorities ought to take every reasonable precaution to prevent contamination. The other day, a coolie might have been seen washing his clothes in the waterfall pool on the Harlech Road. It would be a pity to discourage cleanliness in the humble coolie, but he ought to have it impressed upon him that it is extremely undesirable that he should wash his clothes in the Colony's drinking water.

Geographical Mistakes.

Reuter's telegram, which we publish to-day, contained an obvious printer's blunder when it reached us yesterday. It was stated that the two battleships just purchased by some power at present unknown were being built in Genoa, instead of Genoa. This mistake, which is almost excusable, reminds us of the famous question asked by the late Sir Miles Ashmead-Bartlett in the House of Commons. "Hearing that the Russians were carrying on aggressive operations in the neighbourhood of the Caspian Sea, he came down to the House bubbling over with righteous indignation and asked the Government if they intended to send the Mediterranean Squadron up the Caspian Sea. He was staggered when he received the bland assurance that no such movement of the fleet was intended. When he asked for further information, he was referred to the maps and the difficulties of overland travel for warships—even British warships."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

A Tunkin contemporary announces the death of 'Lord' Herbert Spencer.

It is expected that an Italian will be selected to command the gendarmes in Macedonia.

A Calcutta telegram states that Captain Fraser, R. G. A., has been appointed to the Legation Guard at Peking.

Lord Lamington has been appointed Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire on assuming the Governorship of Bombay.

At the funeral of the late Mr Herbert Spencer, it was announced that an Indian gentleman had offered \$1,000 to found a lectureship at London or Oxford.

A Yokohama contemporary says:—Admiral Bridge, G.C.B., will enjoy Christmas-tide in Shanghai and will meet his successor, Admiral Noel, on his way home.

H. R. H. Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, who was due in Ceylon on the 28th inst., will be a guest of H.E. Sir Henry and Lady Blake during Her Royal Highness's stay in Ceylon.

Portuguese Minister to Peking.

Mr Branco, who is to act as Minister for Portugal at Peking arrived here to-day by the French Mail. He will pay a visit to Macao, before proceeding North, and will probably remain there for about a fortnight. Consul General Romano called on him to-day.

Another Theatrical Company.

Mr M. B. Levitt, who is well-known to Eastern playgoers, is at present in India with a company under the name of the American Troubadours. The Indian papers speak highly of the show. Mr Levitt hopes to be in Hongkong in March or April.

Ex-Persian Premier.

The *Japan Gazette* of the 9th inst. says:—The late 'Grand Vizier of Persia, Ali Akbar Khan, and party, who have been recently travelling through Asiatic Russia and China, arrived at Nagasaki on Monday and left that port for Tokyo via Kobe on Tuesday. The ex-Premier was dismissed and expelled by the Shah a few months ago.

Police Pleasantries.

The children of the members of the Police Force in Hongkong are in for a good time at the New Year, for Capt. E. W. Lyons, acting Superintendent of Police, has generously donated a supply of presents to be distributed among them. On Thursday night at Kowloon the members of the Force will be entertained at a smoke concert, at which some of the best amateur talent in the Colony will appear.

Hill's World's Entertainers.

Last night Hill's World's Entertainers put on a complete change of programme. Miss Meud Christie made her first appearance as a soprano vocalist and earned an encore and a great number of floral offerings by her pleasing singing. Other members of the Company were responsible for attractive changes, and the audience left the building highly delighted with the performance. The Company appears until further notice.

Chinese Labour for South Africa.

Mr Hamilton, a Johannesburg mine owner, on his way to China to negotiate with Mr Barry (or Mr Parry, as Reuter telegraphed), for 25,000 coolies, was in Ceylon a day or two ago, and (says the *Times of Ceylon*) commenting on our telegram announcing the resignation of the Colonial Secretary of the Transvaal, stated that it was expected long ago, as the tremendous responsibility demanded a man of very exceptional capacity. We can quite understand that Mr Davidson was not astute enough to deal with the mining interest, whose representatives probably harried him continuously.

Robbery on a Steamer.

On Dec. 20, a Chinaman left Macao with 100 taels in twenty and ten-cent pieces, which was tied up in a bundle. He placed the bundle under his head and went to sleep. He woke when about half-an-hour's journey from Hongkong, and commenced to fold his bed quilt up. Wong Sui Chuan, a fellow-passenger then threw a lighted cigarette on the quilt. After the cigarette was brushed off the bundle, which had been slept on, was found to be missing. The matter was reported to the captain and on board, and all the passengers were searched, but no money was discovered. The bundle was found in the fore part of the ship, minus the money. Wong Sui Chuan was arrested and locked up on board with handcuffs. When the steamer arrived at Hongkong Wong Sui Chuan was missing, but he was subsequently recaptured. At the Magistrate's court, before Mr T. Sornom Smith, he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with six hours' stocks. Mr O. D. Thompson solicitor appeared for the defence.

'On this bouquet is too costly. You must take it to the lieutenant,' said the rich fiancée. 'Oh, that's all right, miss. Since my master has been engaged to you he has been able to get things on credit,' replied the valet.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lord Abinger Killed.

A London telegram dated 12th inst. states:—Lord Abinger fell down the stairs of a Paris restaurant and was conveyed to hospital where he expired.

Governor Taft.

A correspondent writes to us from Manila:—Taft, the great and good, is gone, and all Americans now look forward to a possibility of business improving. American business men hate Taft, and he lost no opportunity of going for them.

Russian Cruiser for the Far East.

A new type of cruiser is about to be added to the Russian Navy, and on completion she is destined for service exclusively in the Far East. Her displacement is to be 16,000 tons, and the rate of speed is to be 23 knots. The entire armament, consisting of 6-in. and 8-in. quick-firing guns, will be distributed in 10 armoured turrets, and the armoured surface of the cruiser will be very considerable.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

On Friday, the 1st January, a Cup presented by the Commodore of the Club (His Excellency F. H. May, C.M.G.), by permission of Rear-Admiral the Honourable A. Curzon-Howe, C.V.O., C.B., C.M.G., will be sailed for by Service boats with service rigs steered by Midshipmen of the British Squadron now in Harbour. The course will be as follows:—From a line between Police Pier, Tsim Sha Tsui, and a mark-buoy anchored off the Pier, round Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rocks, Meyers East Buoy, Channel Rocks (all to port) and across the starting line from East to West. Start at 1 p.m.

The First Test Match.

About 17,000 people witnessed the opening of the first test match at Sydney. This is a small attendance for such an important cricket match in Australia. The score of 277 made by the Englishmen is the second highest ever made in a test match, the highest being Australia's 598 made at Sydney in 1894 and the previous record being England's 578 at the Oval in 1899. R. E. Foster's 237 is by far the highest individual score, W. L. Murdoch's 211 for Australia at the Oval in 1894 being the previous highest, the only other score of 200 being S. E. Gregory's 201 at Sydney in 1894. Foster also holds the record highest score in inter-university cricket—171—and has made two centuries for the Gentlemen against the Players.

Lady Blake 'At Home.'

There was a special desire by everyone to be present at Lady Blake's 'at home' in Colombo to-day (says *The Times of Ceylon* of the 14th inst.), and the result was a very large assembly at Queen's House this afternoon. The function took place in the cool of the afternoon, between 5 and 6 o'clock. Lady Blake, who was attended by everyone in the picture gallery lawn behind the House, where the arrangements for the comfort of the guests were in keeping with the best traditions of Queen's House. Refreshments were served during the afternoon, and the band of the regiment was in attendance. Lady Blake and the Governor moved cordially amongst those present, and Her Excellency's grace of manner left a pleasing impression on all who called on her.

Sir Frank Swettenham.

Commenting on the resignation of Sir Frank Swettenham, the *Singapore Free Press* says:—The local interests of this Colony and of the High Commissioner are too complicated and too characteristic to be entrusted to the administration of an official devoid of the special knowledge that years of service in the Malay Peninsula would confer. Without mentioning names, instances of the kind we allude to will occur at once to the mind of residents here of even not very many years' standing. The two conspicuously successful Governorships here in the past fifteen years have been those of Sir Cecil Clementi Smith and Sir Frank Swettenham, and in both of these, especially in the latter, there was previous local experience as a guide to the things to do, and, more important still, the things to refrain from doing. The retirement of Sir Frank Swettenham is from the Governorship of the Straits Settlements, and not necessarily from the Colonial Service. It seems likely that Sir Frank's medical advisers have decided against a further period of service out here. He was not in the best of health when he went home. The terms of the announcement, 'retiring from the Governorship,' do not preclude the possibility of our late Governor assuming other duties in connection with the Colonial Office. If his health holds out, it is exceedingly probable that his valuable services will be availed of in some capacity.

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TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUPPLIED BY REUTER, THE HONKAY.

RUSSIA PAUSES.

SHE WATCHES THE POWERS.

Evacuation (?) Steps Stopped.

LONDON, December 29.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking cables that M. Lessar, the Russian Minister at Peking, has informed the Wai-wu-pu, the Foreign Office of China, that no further steps towards the evacuation of Manchuria can take place at present.

That, M. Lessar adds, is owing to the fact that the acuteness of the crisis necessitates the earnest examination of the probabilities regarding the attitude of the different Powers in connection with the question.

[FOR EASTERN PRESS ASSOCIATION.]

40 WARSHIPS COALING.

TOKYO, December 28.
Forty warships of Japan are being coaled to the limit of their bunkers, in preparation for an emergency.

RAILWAYS TO MOVE MEN.

The railways of Japan have been ordered to prepare for the transportation of 70,000 soldiers to the coast.

RUMOUR IS UNLIKELY.

BERLIN, Dec. 25.
The Japanese legation in this city has received an intimation that Russia will concede the requests of Japan in the settlement of the differences between the nations.

AMERICAN INSULAR DEFENCES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.
Secretary of War Root has asked Congress to appropriate \$2,000,000 more for defences of the insular possessions. Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic Squadron of the United States Navy, has made a statement that the present condition of Pearl Harbor makes it utterly valueless for naval purposes.

BOMBARDMENT AT PUERTO PLATA.

PUERTO PLATA, Dec. 25.
A warship of Santo Domingo is bombarding the revolutionists at Puerto Plata.

BAKERS STRIKE IN PARIS POSSIBLE.

PARIS, Dec. 25.
The working bakers, butchers and grocers are threatening to strike. The men have chosen this season when Paris is holiday-making to demand a rise in wages and a reduction of hours. It is possible that the strike will be averted.

DREYFUS TRIAL NEXT MONTH.

PARIS, Dec. 25.
The new trial of Dreyfus will be begun in January. This is the recommendation of the military commission which was appointed by the French Cabinet to investigate the question of whether Dreyfus was entitled to a revision of his case.

DEFEAT OF DERVISHES.

LONDON, Dec. 25.
The British forces gave a long-to-be-remembered Christmas lesson to the dervishes in Somaliland. Seven hundred British soldiers defeated 2,000 of the natives, after terrific battle. The gallantry of the British troops was notable, and though the followers of the Mad Mullah fought with the desperation of their kind they were forced to back away, whipped completely. No list of casualties has reached here yet.

WILL NOT GO TO ARBITRATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.
President Roosevelt has declined to refer the conduct of the United States in the secession of Panama to the Hague arbitration tribunal. This was the position of Colombia, which a day ago asserted that if arbitration was not accepted, it would declare war against the United States.

WAR SPIRIT RAMPANT.

BOGOTA, December 24.
The war spirit in Colombia is rising. From all this part of the Republic come appeals to the Government to declare war against the United States. There will be no difficulty in getting together a large volunteer army.

PRESIDENT REYES PROTESTS.

WASHINGTON, December 25.
President Reyes, of the Republic of Colombia, has made a formal protest to the United States against its occupation of the Isthmus of Panama, which he claims is Colombian territory. This is following the appeal to the Hague tribunal of arbitration.

MARINES TO COLON.

WASHINGTON, December 25.
Two battalions of American Marines are on their way to Colon, Panama.

CUBA AND PANAMA.

HAVANA, December 25.
The Republic of Cuba has formally recognized the Republic of Panama, and an exchange of diplomatic courtesies has taken place.

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FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ.

S.S. Nibel, Capt. Von Hoff, 5th January, 1904.

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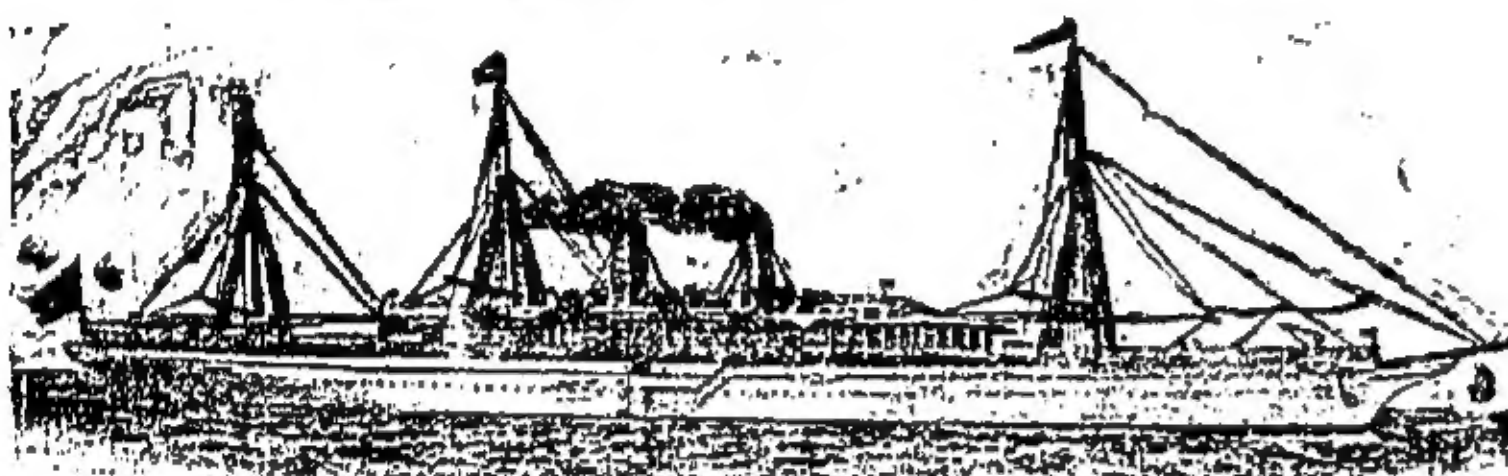
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R.M.S. TARTAN	4125 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 24.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN	8000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 9.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA	8000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 23.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA	6900 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Apr. 6.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Steamers	Destinations	Sailing Dates
KINSHU MARU, E. L. P. P.	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLUMBO.	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6, at Noon.

NIKKO MARU, E. W. H. W.	SYDNEY, MELBOURNE and ADELAIDE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	22nd January.
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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	NESTOR	1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KEZUM	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KISTOCK	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PINGOCK	22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MOYNE	28th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	GLAUCUS	3rd February.

The S.S. NESTOR left Singapore on 20th inst., and is due here on 1st January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARDANUS	9th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YACHTER	19th January.
LIVERPOOL with TRANSHIPMENT	YACHTER	19th January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	2nd February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KISTOCK	15th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KISTOCK	15th February.
LONDON AND ANTWERP	MOYNE	1st March.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW AND SHANGHAI	HUNAN	21st December.
MANILA	KARONG	31st December.
SHANGHAI	KANSHU	1st January.
LOILO	WUCHANG	2nd January.
KOBE	TAIYUAN	4th January.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Sailing Dates, 1904.
KLAUSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 3rd Feb.
GERA	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb.
SEIDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Mar.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.

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LONDON, &c.	Simla	Neon, 2nd January.	Freight and Passage.
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ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY, MAIZURI MARU, SUNDAY, 3rd January, 1904.

TAMSI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY, DAIJI MARU, TUESDAY, 5th January, 1904.

FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY, T. W. GROVES, JANUARY 13, 1904.

TAMSI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY, AIZING MARU, SUNDAY, 10th January, 1904.

TAMSI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY, L. GOTO, SUNDAY, 12th January, 1904.

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(With Liberty to Call at Philippine Ports)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, TO SAIL 1904.

SIKH..... About Jan. 12.

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Hongkong, December 22, 1903.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO FUME AND TRIESTE Direct, CALLING AT SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLUMBO, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

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THE Company's Steamship VINDOBONA, Captain COHEN, will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 14th of January, p.m.

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Priv. Co.'s Building, Hongkong, December 24, 1903.

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Shipping.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship YOUNGANG, Captain P. H. ROZE, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 31st inst., at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, December 28, 1903.

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THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW YORK, VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship HIBERIA, Captain LOCKHART, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, 4th January, 1904.

For Freight, &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1903.

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THE 'SHIRE' LINE.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship FLINTSHIRE, Captain J. M. HARRIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, 2nd January, 1904.

FOR LONDON, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship DENBIGHSHIRE, Captain W. A. EVANS, will be despatched for the above ports on or about FRIDAY, the 15th January; to be followed by the Steamship RADNORSHIRE, Captain C. H. BROWN, on or about SATURDAY, the 30th January, 1904.

These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

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Hongkong, December 22, 1903.

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STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITER. RANKAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CON. TIENTSAL, AMERICAN, AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship SIMLA, Captain F. R. SUMNER, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; and other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply

Vessels Advertised as Loading

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremon, &c.	Kiautschou (s)	Molchers & Co.	January 6.
Bremon, &c.	Sachsen (s)	Molchers & Co.	Jan. 6.
P'bay, S'pore & C'ibo.	Kiaichu Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 6, at Noon.
Q'oy, Da'ny, Pt. Arthur	Sullong (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 1, at Noon.
Lyra and Amoy	Amoy (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 5, at Noon.
Ololo	Wuchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 2.
Kobe, N'saki & V'stok	Stoeborg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 5, at Noon.
Kobe	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 4.
London, &c.	Sinima (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2, at Noon.
London, &c.	Amoy (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 5, at Noon.
London and Hamburg	Flintshire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Jan. 2.
L'don, H'vre & H'burg	Dorsetshire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About January 15.
London & Antwerp	Glenfing (s)	McGregor Bros. & Gow	January 9.
Manila and Australia	Nikko Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	January 22.
Manila	Amoy Maru (s)	Togo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 2, at 1 a.m.
Manila	Zaifro (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Rtubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 5, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Shawmut (s)	Doddwell & Co. Limited	About January 28.
Manila	Kailong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 31.
Manila	Austral (s)	James Watson & Co.	Jan. 3, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Australian (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 10, at Noon.
Mar., P'oon & A'arp	Dardanus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 5.
Mar., L'don & A'arp	Yangtze (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 19.
New York, Suez Canal	Sikh (s)	Doddwell & Co., Ltd.	January 12.
New York, Suez Canal	Seydett (s)	Togo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.
New York, Suez Canal	Seydett (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Jan. 4.
New York, Suez Canal	Nubia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	About Jan. 5.
Odessa v. Bombay	Hermann Lerche (s)	Bradley & Co.	About January 15.
Rotterdam & H'burg	Savon (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 10.
Shanghai	Bengal (s)	Butterfield & Swire	About January 2.
Shanghai	Amoy (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 2.
Shanghai	Leopoldoon (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Jan. 2, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Maria Valerio (s)	Sander, Wierler & Co.	January 8.
S'pore, Pang, Calcutta	Namsang (s)	Jardine Matheson & Co.	Dec. 20 at Noon.
S'hai, Y'ham & Kobe	Polynesian (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About Dec. 30.
S'hai and Portland, C.	Amoy (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 5, at Noon.
S'pore, Pang, S'hai	Tijapras (s)	China Mail & Ting Co.	About January 9.
S'pore, Pang, E'bay, &c.	Vindobona (s)	Sander, Wierler & Co.	January 14, p.m.
Singapore & Bombay	Tientsin (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About January 6.
Stow, Amoy & Amoy	Maidzuru Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	January 3.
Stow, Amoy, Foochow	Daiji Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	January 10.
Stow, Amoy, H'burg	Amoy (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	January 10.
Stow, Amoy & Tamsui	Daijin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	January 12.
Swatow & Shanghai	Hunan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 31.
Swatow	Hailong (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Jan. 1, Daylight.
Stow, Amoy & Tamsui	Hainan (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Jan. 2, at Noon.
Yancowber (B.C.), &c.	Amoy (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 5, at Noon.
Yancowber (B.C.), &c.	Atellan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 27.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Lya (s)	Doddwell & Co. Limited	January 20.
Ynn, S'hai, Moji, Kobe	Pakernu (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About January 1.
Yokohama & Kobe	Bulencia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 2, at Noon.
Yokohama & Kobe	Alsis (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 5, at Noon.

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December 30, 1903.

China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000	\$	100	a	\$104, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited. ...	7,000	\$	100	a	\$10, sellers

HOTELS, ETC.						
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$	50	all	3148,	sales & sellers

Hongkong Ice Company, Limited...	5,000	\$	25	all	\$245, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co. Ltd.	7,200	£	20	£ 20	Tls. 425

33.	Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$15 sellera
	411 Limited	300	\$	50	\$	51	\$250

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